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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
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**Period for Reply**

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 1 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

## Status

1)  Responsive to communication(s) filed on 15 September 2006.

2a)  This action is **FINAL**.                    2b)  This action is non-final.

3)  Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

## Disposition of Claims

4)  Claim(s) 1-24 is/are pending in the application.  
4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5)  Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.

6)  Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are rejected.

7)  Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.

8)  Claim(s) 1-24 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

## Application Papers

9)  The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10)  The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a)  accepted or b)  objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11)  The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12)  Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  
a)  All    b)  Some \* c)  None of:  
1.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.  
2.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.  
3.  Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

1)  Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  
2)  Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)  
3)  Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)  
    Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_ .

4)  Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
    Paper No(s)/Mail Date. \_\_\_\_\_ .

5)  Notice of Informal Patent Application \_\_\_\_\_ .

6)  Other: \_\_\_\_\_ .

**Election/Restriction**

Restriction is required under 35 U.S.C. §121 and 372.

1. This application is a 371 of PCT/US03/12028, filed on 18 April 2003. For applications filed under 371, PCT rules for lack of unity apply. Applicant's preliminary amendment filed on 19 October 2004 is acknowledged.
2. This application contains inventions or groups of inventions which are not so linked as to form a single inventive concept. Under PCT Rule 13.1, the following combinations of claims of different categories are permissible and restriction to one of the following combinations is required:

In accordance with 37 CFR §1.499, applicant is required, in reply to this action, to elect a single invention to which the claims must be restricted.

Group I. Claims 1-13, 23, drawn to an isolated nucleic acid comprising the nucleotide sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:1, encoding the polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:2, respectively, an expression vector comprising said polynucleotide, an isolated host cell comprising said vector, a method of producing said polypeptide and the encoded polypeptide.

Group II. Claims 1-13, 23, drawn to an isolated nucleic acid comprising the nucleotide sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:3, encoding the polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:4, respectively, an expression vector comprising said polynucleotide, an isolated host cell comprising said vector, a method of producing said

polypeptide and the encoded polypeptide. Group III. Claim 14, drawn to an antibody that binds to a specific polypeptide.

Group IV. Claims 15-18, drawn to a method for identifying compounds that modulate a specific polypeptide.

Group V. Claims 19, 24, drawn to a compound that modulates a specific polypeptide.

Group VI. Claims 20-22, drawn to a method for treating an individual having a disorder by administering a specific polypeptide.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.475(d), this Authority considers that the main invention in the instant application comprises the first-recited product, namely an isolated nucleic acid comprising the nucleotide sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:1 encoding the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 2, an expression vector comprising said polynucleotide, an isolated host cell comprising said vector and a method of producing said polypeptide and the encoded polypeptide. Further, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.475(b)-(d), the ISA/US considers that the materially and functionally dissimilar product of groups II, III and V, and the additional methods of groups IV, VI do not correspond to the main invention. This Authority therefore considers that the several inventions do not share a special technical feature within the meaning of PCT Rule 13.2 and thus do not relate to a single general inventive concept within the meaning of PCT Rule 13.1.

Having shown that these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art by their recognized divergent subject matter

as defined by MPEP § 1850, therefore, an initial lack of unity for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

3. Applicant is advised that the response to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143).

Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventor ship must be amended in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventor ship must be accompanied by a diligently-filed petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(h).

***Advisory Information:***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Fozia M. Hamud whose telephone number is (571) 272-0884. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday, Thursday-Friday, 6:00 am to 4:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Brenda G. Brumback can be reached on (571) 272-0961. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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